## PM unveils Bt cotton, 108 other high-yielding seed varieties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday unveiled 109 high-yielding, climateresilient, and biofortified seed varieties, including Bt cotton suitable for rain-fed areas, to enhance agricultural productivity and farmers' income.

Developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the seed varieties span 61 crops, including 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops. Modi unveiled the seeds at three experimental agriculture plots at Delhi's Pusa Campus, where he also interacted with farmers and scientists, according to an official statement.

Modi stressed the significance of value addition in agriculture while discussing the importance of these new varieties with farmers. Farmers present on the occasion said the new varieties would be highly beneficial to them for their lower input costs, it said.



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